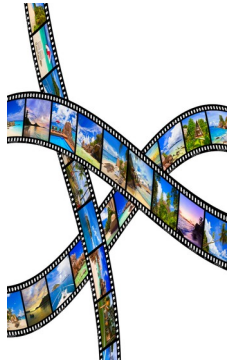


## Why Film Club?

The Methodist Church is committed to deepening the discipleship of all who walk with God and all who seek to walk with God.



Watching films is a great way to explore the discipleship journey

Whatever is going on in our life, can be our discipleship journey. Sometimes we need a hand to ask the 'where is God in all of this' question.

Film Club is a good place to start

asking 'where is God in my life?' and 'is the path of discipleship I am on, the one God wants me on?'

Film Club is part of the EDEV initiative— a boost of money into Districts to provide practical resources, to deepen the discipleship and extend the vocation of all people in a Methodist community.

Watching films then exploring questions with others is a great way to explore discipleship and extend vocation.

Production company Sony Pictures. Therefore you need to have a license to show this film from CCLI.

### Summary of regulations and advice:

#### Christian Copyright Licensing Info (CCLI)

Annual CVL and PRS licences;

If your church already has got PRS contact them for a pro rata CVL linked to how long left on PRS licence.

Cost depends on how many people on average attend your main Sunday worship, not the numbers at the film showing...

1-49 people £63.65

50-99 people £128.27

100-249 people £159.60

- Attendance at film must be free
- Can charge for refreshments
- Can use film name in internal advertising ; not on websites, but via email is fine.

There is a one off licence; which they do not advertise on website which is £25 minimum.

Full information and regulations to be found at

[www.ccli.co.uk](http://www.ccli.co.uk)

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## EDEV FILM CLUB the Pursuit of Happyness



**“If you want something  
go get it”**

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North West Training Forum:  
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# the Pursuit of Happiness

Sony Pictures Certificate 12

Running time 1 hour 53 minutes



Chris Gardner is a San Francisco sales man struggling to make ends meet.. When his girlfriend walks out

Chris is left to raise their 5 year old son Christopher. Chris' determination pays off when he gets an unpaid internship at a top stock brokers. But only one in twenty interns will get a job at the end. Without a salary Chris and his son are evicted from their apartment and forced to find a series of places to sleep including a station toilet. With his self confidence and hard work and supported by the love of his son Chris rises above it all to gain the coveted job.

- What would you call this part of your life?
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## Clip 1. DVD chapter 8. 27 minutes to 32 minutes.

Chris runs from a taxi unable to pay, loses one of the machines and discovers his partner Linda is leaving him. He reflects on the words in the Declaration of Independence. Everyone is entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

- Is happiness something you can only pursue?
- Does faith in God make a difference to how you 'pursue' happiness?
- How does your journey with God lead you to 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness'?

## Clip 2 DVD chapter 11 39.40 minutes to 44 minutes

It is when Chris is at his lowest and most vulnerable that the company directors recognise something special in him. When he has spent the night in prison and is covered in paint. When he gets run over by a car and loses his shoe.

- Are there times when you have known God recognises something special in you?
- Think about the times when you have been in a vulnerable place. How did this affect your relationship with God?

## Clip 3 DVD chapter 14. 50.35 minutes to 53.30 minutes.

Chris tells Christopher he will never be good at basketball. He then realises he has shattered his son's hopes.

- How does it feel when someone tells you you can't be something?
- Do you have a dream you need to protect?
- How do you work out what dreams and hopes God has for you?

## Clip 4 DVD chapter 19. 1 hour 6.30 minutes to 1 hour 11.50 minutes

Chris follows up on a call he missed in the week and ends up going to an American Football game. He again reflects on the words of Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence.

- What are the 'disturbers' of your happiness?
- What questions do you have about your life journey?
- What does 'making it' mean to you?

## Clip 5 DVD chapter 27 1 hour 40.50 minutes to end

The end of the internship comes for Chris. He takes time to be with Christopher and then learns the result of the intern programme.

- Throughout the film where does Chris find happiness despite the hard times he goes through?
- Where do you find happiness?